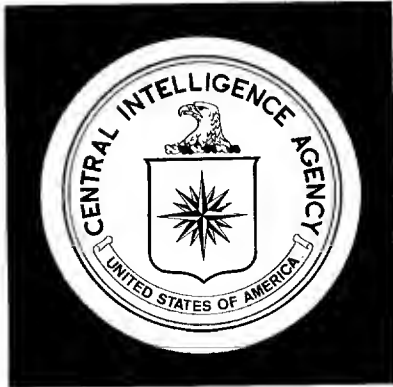


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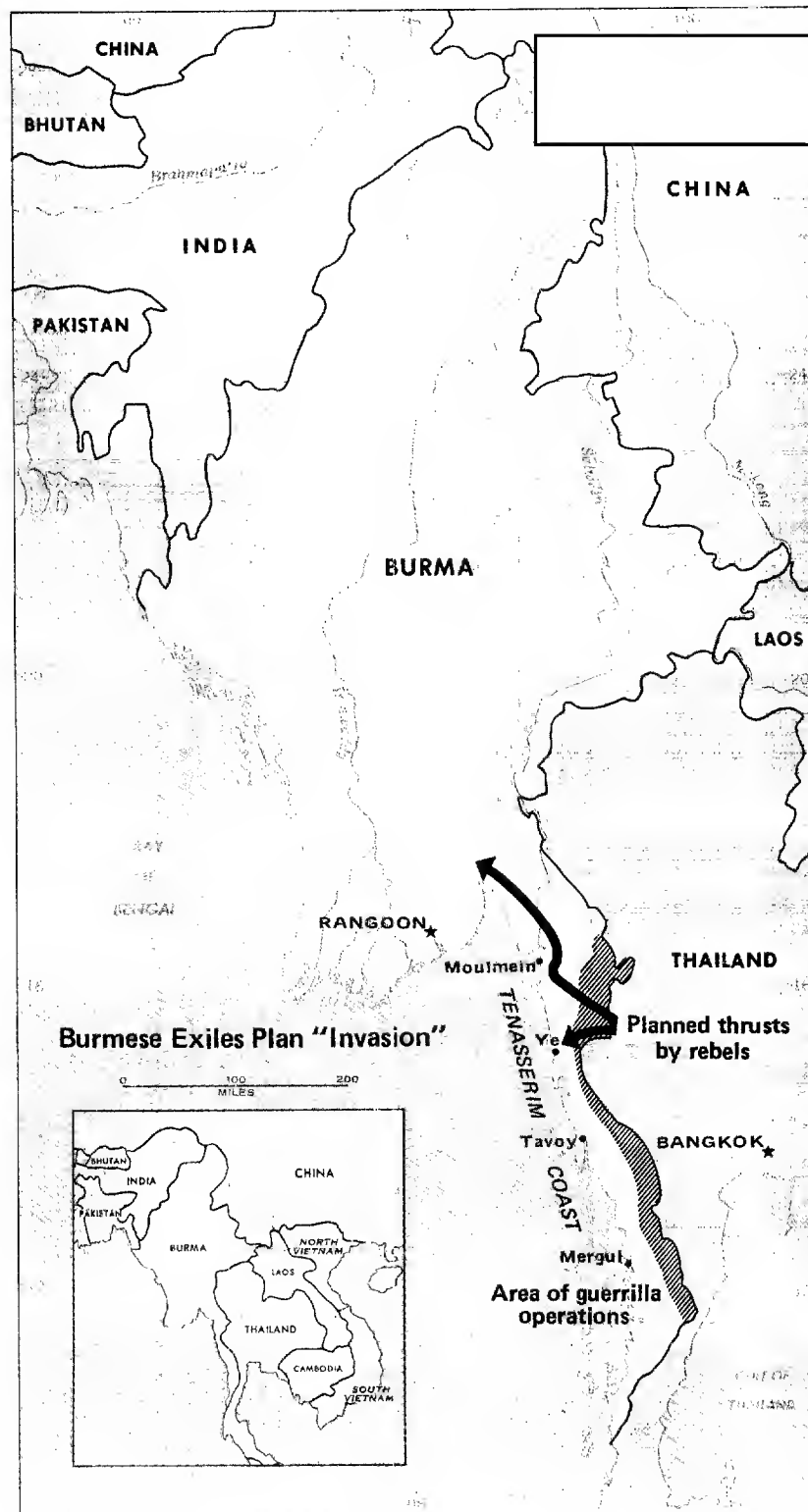
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BURMA-THAILAND: Burmese exiles based in Thailand have once again drawn up ambitious plans for increased armed activity inside Burma, but their chances of success have not improved significantly.

Dissidents associated with former Burmese prime minister U Nu are reportedly preparing for an "invasion" of Burma during the dry season that begins in November. The plans call for attacks on some population centers and for expanding operations into the Burmese heartland. The dry season plan is similar to one that failed to materialize last year. The resistance movement has since improved its military capabilities and has increased its armed strength to over 2,000 men. It is still far short of being a serious threat to the Ne Win government, however, and it is doubtful that the insurgents can carry on sustained operations beyond the Tenasserim Coast opposite the Thai border, where they have ranged freely and have skirmished with Burmese military forces.

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